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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
July 17, 1957

Re: SAMUEL MANNARINO,  
with aliases,  
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PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

SAMUEL MANNARINO, a well known gambler and racketeer of Italian extraction, was born at Pittsburgh, Pa., on December 24, 1904. His identification record dates back to May, 1927, at which time he was convicted in United States District Court for impersonating a federal probation officer.

MANNARINO was classified 4F-H during World War II and was not accepted for enlistment in the armed forces of the United States because of his prior arrest record. Since 1950 MANNARINO has spent a considerable portion of his time in Florida where he is believed to have business interests and he is known to have business enterprises in Cuba. (Pittsburgh files)

A reliable informant on May 6, 1957, advised SA JOHN S. PORTELLA that he is well acquainted with JOSEPH P. MANNARINO, brother of SAMUEL and KELLY MANNARINO, and he believed that JOSEPH MANNARINO had a criminal record and might have served some time in the penitentiary. The informant further stated that JOSEPH is about forty-fifty years of age and added that SAMUEL and KELLY make it a point to keep their brother out of New Kensington, Pa., because every time he visits New Kensington he causes them a lot of trouble. (PG 545-C)

On May 22, 1957, KELLY MANNARINO was interviewed at the Kenmar Hotel, New Kensington, Pa., by SA PORTELLA in connection with an investigation which was instituted to determine whether JOSEPH P. MANNARINO, brother of SAMUEL MANNARINO, was the person responsible for transporting a fraudulent security in interstate commerce. During this interview, KELLY MANNARINO identified the signature of his brother, JOSEPH, appearing on the check in question and

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The Pittsburgh "Sun-Telegraph" December 7, 1949, edition in an article entitled, "Tannas Buys Into Charles" reported as follows:

"Ezzard Charles, the heavyweight champion, is now a free man. His original sponsors in Cincinnati have been 'bought out' by Jake Mintz and Tom Tannas, a real estate operator in Arnold and New Kensington, who will be co-managers.

"Under the terms of the deal, announced last night, Gene Elkus and Charley Dyer have withdrawn their suit for an accounting against Charles and Mintz.

"Mintz entered the Charles management picture as a matchmaker for the group, finally became acting manager and, after Charles defeated Jersey Joe Walcott to win a claim to the title, was made sole manager by Charles, despite a contract which bound him to Elkus and Dyer. It was to clear up this tangle that a price was put on the contract which Tannas paid."

A reliable informant on April 19, 1955, advised Special Agents of the FBI at Salt Lake City, Utah, that SAM MANNARINO of New Kensington, MICHAEL GIORANO of Miami, Florida, and LOU KAHN, of Los Angeles, California, registered at the Desert Inn Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, and appeared to be acquainted with one another as well as the owner of the Desert Inn Hotel. This informant also stated that SAM MANNARINO while in Las Vegas appeared to be very friendly with JACK I. DRAGNA, whom the informant described as a well known Los Angeles hoodlum. Informant also said that on April 29, 1955, JACK I. DRAGNA sent the following telegram from the Desert Inn Hotel to MIMI TRIPOLI, 7408 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, California:

"Have room for two at Desert Inn under name of J. BAKER. Have rooms for four CHARLIE B. Haven't been able to phone through. Send wire when you will arrive to SAM MANNARINO, room 115, Desert Inn. Bring LOUIS important. JACK DRAGNA."

The informant was unable to explain the significance or meaning of the above telegram.

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In January, 1950, Corporal J. P. HELFENSTEIN, Pennsylvania State Police, Greensburg, Pa., informed SA WILLIAM J. MYERS that he had accompanied a Captain of the Pennsylvania State Police from Harrisburg, Pa., on a special assignment to interview SAM MANNARINO in regard to a complaint received by the Governor of Pennsylvania concerning illegal election contributions by members of the underworld in Westmoreland County. HELFENSTEIN stated that MANNARINO during the interview denied any illegal activity and added that he had invested heavily in a plant to manufacture juke boxes (Pilbin Coin Machine Company, Chicago, Illinois), but that the venture was a failure. According to HELFENSTEIN, MANNARINO stated that he expected to lose several hundred thousand dollars in connection with this business enterprise.

In February, 1950, TOM TANNAS, City Clerk, Arnold, Pa., in speaking of his interests in the Pilbin Coin Machine Company, advised that he had lost money but not a considerable amount. He stated, however, that SAM MANNARINO and some other individuals interested in the venture had lost a large amount of money and that the business had been entirely liquidated.

PHILIP PETRULLI, New Kensington, Pa., with whom contact has been insufficient to determine the degree of reliability, advised in March, 1951, that a gambling casino was recently opened at Havana, Cuba, in which MANNARINO and several others had a large interest.

A reliable informant in July, 1952, advised that a gambling casino in Havana, Cuba, known as the Sans Souci Night Club, was reportedly financed by money of the SAM MANNARINO organization of New Kensington, Pa. (Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba)

A reliable informant and close associate of J. PATI, a resident of New Kensington, and cousin of SAM MANNARINO, advised in August, 1951, that according to PATI the MANNARINOs have been short of funds lately and have borrowed as high as \$25,000 from friends in New Kensington. The informant related that the MANNARINOs and CHARLES MARGIOTTI, former Attorney General of Pennsylvania, and others had suffered serious financial reverses as a result of the loss of certain patent rights used in the manufacture of juke boxes. (PG 511-C)



connected with narcotic traffic and the only way he could stop this vicious rumor was to leave those areas. MANNARINO stressed the point that neither he nor KELLY nor any of their associates have ever had any connection with narcotics and would not tolerate anyone engaging in that business.

MANNARINO exhibited to SA PORTELLA a brochure on the United Warm Air Dryer manufactured by the United Dryer Corporation, Chicago 29, Illinois. He stated that he is one of the larger stockholders in this company and that it was originally planned to manufacture this item in New Kensington, Pa., but because of lack of available space in New Kensington it is being manufactured in Chicago. MANNARINO related that he does not consider gambling a major crime, but that he does draw a line and would not tolerate bank robbers, white slavers or murderers. He pointed out that he is well pleased with the present city administration in New Kensington and made the statement, "No one in this city gets any appointment or anything unless we clear them". He did not deny that gambling is running in New Kensington and he did not deny that it was controlled all or in part by his brother, GABRIEL, or himself.

An informant, of unknown reliability, on December 6, 1954, advised SA ACKERLY that Club 30, located at Chester, W. Va., is a notorious open gambling spot operated under the direct management of CHARLES TEEMER. The informant described TEEMER as the president of the Sans Souci Club, Havana, Cuba, and added that SAM MANNARINO was connected with the club that is owned by a syndicate comprising some ten leading racketeers in the Western Pennsylvania-West Virginia area. The informant was unable to provide any additional information concerning this so called syndicate.

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A reliable informant on September 14, 1954, advised SA ACKERLY that TONY RIPEPI, CHUCK TEEMER, SAM and KELLY MANNARINO, DOMINICK ANZALONE, and JOHN LA ROCCA are part owners of Club 30 in Chester, W. Va. (PG 509-C)

An informant of known reliability on January 18, 1955, advised SA ACKERLY he heard that SAM MANNARINO borrowed \$40,000 from the Deposit Bank of Arnold, Arnold, Pa., and that he and his brother, not further described, were to invest this money in real estate. The informant also advised on January 18, 1955, that

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Mayor GARDLOCK, Councilmen KRUPA and BORDONARDO, all New Kensington, Pa., were in his opinion under the influence of SAMUEL MANNARINO and were planning to attend the inauguration of Governor-elect LEADER in Harrisburg, Pa., later in the month. The informant also related that Mayor GARDLOCK entertained Governor LEADER in New Kensington, Pa., during the election campaign and added that GARDLOCK is now a Deputy Sheriff of Westmoreland County while BORDONARDO serves as a County Detective. (PG 5452C)

The New Kensington "Daily Dispatch" January 17, 1955, edition in an article captioned, "Charter Granted Local Firm to Deal in Property" stated that a corporation charter had been approved by the Secretary of the Commonwealth for the New Kensington Sales and Rental Corporation, 1263 Third Avenue, New Kensington.

The article related that according to the articles of incorporation approved by the Department of State, the following persons were identified as stockholders:

WILLIAM SAMS  
1017 Edgewood Road

SAM MANNARINO  
201 Highland Avenue

VICTOR CARLUCCI  
201 Highland Avenue  
All New Kensington, Pa.

The article went on to state that the corporation had been chartered to deal in personal property of every name and nature, including stocks and securities of other corporations, and to lend money and to sell, assign, and release such securities.

On May 29, 1955, an informant, who has furnished both reliable and unreliable information in the past, advised SA ACKERLY that the MANNARINOS of New Kensington backed the defeated candidate for constable in the First Ward of Pittsburgh in what the informant considered an attempt to gain a foothold in the gambling set up in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. The informant related that the candidate, BRUNO BRASH, received upwards of \$25,000 from the MANNARINOS and had his campaign been successful the informant believed the MANNARINOS would have then received permission from BRASH to operate in Allegheny County.

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A reliable informant on September 24, 1955, advised SA PORTELLA that SAM and KELLY MANNARINO own a part interest in Club 30, Chester, W. Va., together with CHUCK TREMER and several other men of the tri-state area. Informant stated that this club is making so much money from gambling that takes place at the club that it is almost impossible to estimate the amount. (PG 509-C)

A reliable informant on October 27, 1955, advised SA PORTELLA that numbers are being booked at the Ninth Street News Stand in Pittsburgh and that they are picked up by a man named UTI (Phonetic) who informant is almost certain turns them into SAM and KELLY MANNARINO of New Kensington. (PG 511-C)

A reliable informant on January 23, 1956, advised SA PORTELLA that SAM and GABRIEL MANNARINO own part of the Family Outdoor Theater in New Kensington and are seriously interested in the manufacture of outdoor theater speakers. The informant further advised that the MANNARINOS are purchasing large tracks of land around the New Kensington countryside for speculative purposes. Informant stated that the MANNARINOS are connected with the Buffone and Buffone Construction Company and that they continue their friendship with PHIL BETTOR, who, according to the informant, SAM MANNARINO considers as his bookkeeper. The informant related that BETTOR boasts of keeping a dual set of books for his customers, one being a true set of books and the other for the scrutiny of the Internal Revenue Service and other Government Agencies. (PG 545-C)

A reliable informant on January 23, 1956, advised SA PORTELLA that in speaking with SAM MANNARINO he has gathered the impression that GABRIEL MANNARINO is now controller of the purse strings because GABRIEL has been able to hold on to his money while SAM has been forced to borrow from time to time. (PG 545-C)

A reliable informant on December 31, 1955, advised SA PORTELLA that Deputy Sheriff CHINK SPANKARD of Allegheny County is a close associate of Mayor DAVID L. LAWRENCE and District Attorney EDWARD BOYLE. The informant related that in his opinion SPANKARD may attempt to obtain the okay for men like SAM MANNARINO and JOHN LA ROCCA to move into the Pittsburgh gambling set up. The informant stated that in his judgment he would consider such an arrangement a likely occurrence since SPANKARD is very close to the

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The Pittsburgh "Post-Gazette" January 16, 1957, edition carried an article indicating that GABRIEL (KELLY) MANNARINO was scheduled to stand trial in United States District Court, Pittsburgh, on a charge of obstructing justice by offering a \$150 bribe to a spectator at the 1955 vote fraud trial involving the New Kensington, Pa., area. According to the article, the indictment accused MANNARINO of approaching HARRY TRUITT, former New Kensington dental technician, and paying him \$150 to avoid testifying in the vote fraud trial which involved seven defendants.

On January 17, 1957, a jury hearing the above charges returned a verdict of not guilty as to GABRIEL MANNARINO.

A reliable informant on May 13, 1957, advised SA PORTELLA that SAM MANNARINO continues to purchase large tracks of land in Westmoreland County and recently purchased 400 additional acres in the section of Westmoreland County known as Weinels Crossing for \$39,000. The informant said that MANNARINO has also purchased land in Somerset, Pa., and is looking for land in other outlining areas. Informant also said that MANNARINO has requested him to arrange for the building of an artificial lake on the property acquired at Weinels Crossing. (PG545-C)

#### HANGOUTS AND PLACES OF AMUSEMENT

The Kenmar Hotel is considered by local law enforcement officers as a hangout for racketeers and hoodlums in the New Kensington area from which the MANNARINO organization is reputed to direct its various operations. The Lateus Club is likewise considered to be under the control and ownership of SAM MANNARINO. This club has also been unauthoratively reported to be an after hours spot and a gambling establishment. The City News Stand at New Kensington is believed by local law enforcement officers to be owned by TOM LATEOS and is the reputed headquarters for the MANNARINO numbers operation in that area. The Greek Club and the Bachelors Club located in New Kensington and the Sans Souci Club, Havana, Cuba, have been described in the past by local law enforcement officers as establishments frequented by SAMUEL MANNARINO and his associates.

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In September, 1950, Sergeant HELFENSTEIN of the Pennsylvania State Police, advised that a small horse room had opened up in Greensburg, Pa. According to HELFENSTEIN this room was reportedly established under the auspices of Attorney PAUL MC CORNICK, who according to HELFENSTEIN, represents gamblers brought before the courts of Westmoreland County. HELFENSTEIN explained that the operations of the horse room were initially supervised by ROCCA BUFFONE, described by HELFENSTEIN as a member of the MANNARINO organization. HELFENSTEIN added that BUFFONE subsequently turned over the operation of the horse room to local operators. HELFENSTEIN also stated that the horse room was believed to be set up as a "lay off" spot for heavy bets obtained through the MANNARINO controlled horse room in New Kensington, Pa., operated by BUFFONE.

In August, 1953, an informant of unknown reliability, advised that the Arrow Treasurer Ticket, a lottery, is back in full swing in the New Kensington area and in the informant's opinion the MANNARINOS are the force behind the sale of these tickets. Informant could offer no substantiating information in this regard.

In August, 1953, this informant reported that SAM MANNARINO had returned to New Kensington since his business interests had been lost in the gambling casino SansSouci in Havana, Cuba.

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JACK SCHWARTZ, Special Agent, Intelligence Division, Internal Revenue Bureau, Pittsburgh, Pa., informed SA JOHN E. ACKERLY on November 23, 1953, that

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MANNARINOS and LA ROCCA and on extremely friendly terms with the Mayor and District Attorney. [REDACTED] - PCI)

A summary of the Report of former Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue ANDREW J. SUSCE, dated April 18, 1955, prepared by G. WILSON STITELER, Reviewer-Conferree of the Intelligence Division, Internal Revenue Service.

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(Pittsburgh Files)

A reliable informant on March 4, 1956, advised SA ACKERLY that while in the company of NEAL HAGEL, an executive of the Brush Manufacturing Company, Arnold, Pa., HAGEL bragged about his close association with the MANNARINOS of New Kensington. According to the informant, HAGEL stated that the MANNARINOS had a financial interest in the Brush Manufacturing Company and were frequent visitors at HAGEL's residence in the Bigelow Apartments, Pittsburgh.

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A reliable informant on April 16, 1956, advised SA PORTELLA that PHIL BEFFOR of New Kensington and brother of former Chief of Police of New Kensington, JOHN BEFFOR, is a bookkeeper and handles